

port and Kuroki's northward march in Kuroki's east flank.

It is a curious fact that after each retreat the general situation of the Russian army remains practically unaltered. The Japanese are following up the Russians from the south and are advancing east along a parallel line to the mountain roads. The relative positions at Yentai on Sunday night were the same as they have been ever since the fighting at Tashichiao.

Batteries Exchange Fires.

There were heavy artillery exchanges this (Monday) afternoon between the Russian rear guard and the Japanese, but the decisive battle is yet to come. The Russian retreat, despite the fact that the Japanese are following up the Russians from the south and are advancing east along a parallel line to the mountain roads. The relative positions at Yentai on Sunday night were the same as they have been ever since the fighting at Tashichiao.

RETREATING ARMY TO MAKE A STAND

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from Mukden, dated noon, Monday, says that Russian baggage trains, followed by artillery, are retreating toward the chief roads from Yentai. The leading column has already passed through Mukden, and gone north.

Harried by Japs.

All the troops covering the retreat are being harried by the Japanese. Rear guard actions are constant. The main Japanese forces are pushing forward east and smaller bodies west from Liao-Yang.

The Japanese are making the utmost efforts to reach Mukden. They are much stronger than the Russians, especially in artillery. Scores of them have been seen thirteen miles from Mukden.

Sends Cheerful Report.

Under date of yesterday General Kuropatkin telegraphs as follows: "The army moving north is satisfied with itself today from the dangerous situation in which it found itself when threatened by the enemy, and had a narrow front. The enemy throughout the day cannonaded the rear guards of our front and left flank columns, especially the latter, but with little effect. Our losses today were about a hundred."

Censor Moves to Harbin.

A telegram to the "Russ" from Mukden states that the Japanese are twenty-five miles south of that place. Evacuation of the town has already begun.

Think Army Is Safe.

No news of later date than Monday has been received. The anxiety continues, but the general staff is satisfied that Kuropatkin's army is now out of danger. A fresh concentration is sure, but where this will take place it is impossible to indicate. Nobody supposes that it will be at Mukden. Opinion varies between Harbin and Tieling, just north of Mukden.

There is much criticism in military circles of the conduct of the battle, but all allow that the retreat was carried out skillfully. Disappointment is expressed at the failure of the Russian cavalry to modify the issue of the battle.

It is stated that out of nearly five cavalry divisions under Kuropatkin's command only General Samsonoff's brigade, consisting of two regiments, dis-

tinguished itself. Some declare that the Cossacks proved themselves an antiquated institution, altogether unfit for modern warfare.

Fighting With Kuroki.
YENTAI, via Mukden, Sept. 5.—There was heavy fighting today northeast of Yentai, the Japanese pressing northward along the ridges east of the railway.

There were several skirmishes within twenty miles southeast of Mukden, the Russians holding General Kuroki in check, while the Russians from Liao-Yang were making their retreat to the northward.

PREPARED FOR GRAVE DISASTER

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 7.—Only on the arrival of the English newspapers was the true seriousness of the Liao-Yang retreat known.

The stock exchange turned panicky, consols leading in the fall for a quarter of a point.

A further telegram from Kuropatkin, brief and vague, shed all hopes aroused Monday, that the army had reached Mukden. On the contrary, he is fighting hard in making a retreat likely to be the most difficult in history, while another says it will rebound to Kuropatkin's strategic credit if he can save the army.

Keen Anxiety.

The truth is, the keenest anxiety reigns here as to whether Kuropatkin will make good his retreat. The absence of official news adds to the widespread pessimism.

Anyone caring to visit the war office receives ready assurance that the present serious events are part of a plan. This was given out to the French journalists, who faithfully transmitted such reports to their newspapers.

Such an idea is not in the smallest degree entertained among intelligent Russians, whose opinions are expressed much more faithfully by the "Russ" as follows:

Kuropatkin gave the order to retreat from Liao-Yang, owing to his inability to hold that important position. The fact is, his withdrawal is of great importance from a military and political point of view, and it will play a great role in future events. It was quite unexpected. The Russian public relying on Kuropatkin's latest telegram, saying he was only waiting to close with the enemy. The result of the retreat is to prolong the campaign. Russia's taking the offensive is postponed."

OYAMA REPORTS ON OPERATIONS

TOKYO, Sept. 7.—The general staff has issued a long dispatch from Field Marshal Oyama, which was apparently transmitted on September 4. It is mainly a skeleton review of the operations from August 24 to September 4, confirming what is already known up to the occupation of Liao-Yang, on the morning of September 4. It includes:

"Down to August 30 the enemy appears to have been constantly re-enforced from the railway. His total strength is not known, but is estimated to be at least twelve divisions.

"The main body appears not to have retreated beyond Yentai. Part is still halting in the neighborhood of the Ying-shuen warehouses, near the Liao-Yang railway station. The railway bridge and the bridge over the Taitse River have been burned by the enemy. Our left and center armies are now halting on the left bank of the Taitse. Part of them will occupy the highlands north of Muehuan, and the neighborhood of the railway bridge.

"We have not received any accurate report of our casualties since August 25, but they are believed to be heavy. The enemy's losses are yet unknown.

"The spirits of our troops are excellent despite their heavy sacrifices, the strenuous exertions they had to put forth against the enemy. Total strength is several lines of semi-permanent defense works, and desperate fighting."

Marshal Oyama's report makes it clear that the Russians' dogged resistance for

four days in the hills west of Heiyongtai avoided a complete disaster by keeping open their line of retreat to Mukden.

ARE FIGHTING TO AVERT DISASTER
The following dispatch from J. F. Archibald, correspondent of "Collier's Weekly," is printed by the "New York Herald":

YENTAI, Sept. 3, via Pekin, Sept. 7.—The greatest battle of the war is now raging about Liao-Yang. It will probably be the decisive action of the campaign.

The entire Russian army is fighting against enormously superior forces from exceedingly bad positions. General Kuropatkin is holding the enemy in check. He evacuated Liao-Yang yesterday completely.

Possibilities of Future.
Two conditions now confront him. First, defeat and the loss of his entire army, thus ending the war, and second, the possibility of holding his position on both flanks while allowing the withdrawal of his guns.

A continuous stream of transport wagons and troops has been moving north along the railroad for the last five days. The guns, infantry, and cavalry must follow on roads deep with mud.

The battle has been raging furiously for five days, the Japanese keeping up an incessant artillery fire. It is the heaviest ever seen by any military man present. From one position alone I counted seventy shots a minute.

Their Turning Movement.

I was with the Seventeenth Army Corps yesterday on the extreme left when the enemy made the turning movement, which was almost successful.

The Russian defense was heroic. Entire battalions were annihilated. The Japanese were endeavoring to form a junction at Yentai, a small station midway between Mukden and Liao-Yang. If they had been successful they would have surrounded the Russians and cut off their communication with the center, seventeen miles away.

Entire Force Fighting.

The entire Russian force is still fighting. The batteries keep up an incessant fire until after midnight every night. The sky is brilliant with bursting shrapnel.

The enemy is close around Liao-Yang. They have destroyed the Russian town and railroad station by bombardment. The native town is uninjured. The Russians burned the bridge north of Liao-Yang at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

I was in Liao-Yang Thursday when the Japanese burned their bombardment. They mounted heavy batteries on the nearby hill and blanketed the entire town with bursting shells. Their marksmanship was perfect.

Evacuation of Liao-Yang.

Meanwhile, the Russians were conducting the evacuation of the town. In moving the wounded from hospitals one Sister of Mercy was killed, and seven were wounded while actually dressing the wounds of men who had fallen in the streets.

Near the railroad station, where the concentrated fire was hottest, the heroism of the Sisters was magnificent. They tore their skirts and used them as bandages for the wounded, and themselves carried stricken men from the zone of fire, and out of the burning buildings.

Wounded All Removed.

I left Liao-Yang on the last train, which carried the last of the wounded to the general hospitals. No wounded were left in Liao-Yang, although many died on the train. It was impossible to leave even the worst cases, owing to the destructive shell fire of the Japanese.

For the last two days I have been with the Second Army corps, which General Kuropatkin commanded in person. The scenes in the field were awful. Soldiers were so completely worn out they dropped asleep on the firing line.

Box cars loaded with wounded are going north continually—trains of fifty and sixty cars with men whose wounds received only such dressing as could be applied in the field. The losses on the Russian side will probably exceed 30,000.

Copper Sulphate "Safe," Declares Expert Moore

Differs With the Health Officer Regarding Its Value as a Germicide—Not a Poison. Proven by Experience.

The refusal of Health Officer William C. Woodward to disinfect the drinking water of Washington by means of copper sulphate has aroused discussion in many quarters today, some holding that his decision was good, others saying it was unwise.

But nowhere does a greater indifference to his action reign than in the office of Dr. George B. Moore, of the Agricultural Department, who is, and has been, the great advocate and developer of the scheme to kill typhoid and other germs by putting into the infected water small quantities of copper sulphate.

A Safe Germicide.
"We still hold to our original opinion that copper sulphate is a certain and a safe germicide," remarks Dr. Moore today to a Times reporter. "I do not

for a minute wish to be understood as contradicting Dr. Woodward. He has a right to his opinion just as we have to ours, but, in this case, ours differs from his."

Copper Not a Poison.
"Copper is not poisonous. There has never been produced an authentic case of copper poisoning. Consequently there is no reason for fear of harmful effects from putting the copper sulphate in the water of the reservoirs."

Immediately following Dr. Woodward's refusal to use the copper sulphate disinfection, reports have come to the Agricultural Department from the health officer of the Philadelphia board of health has adopted the method in small experiments, and has obtained satisfactory results, leading to the belief that the plan will be tried on a large scale.

REPUBLICAN CLUB WILL RATIFY THE TICKET
A ratification meeting of the Roosevelt and Fairbanks' Republican Club was held at Eureka Park this morning. Several speeches were made.

This afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock, there will be speeches by Dr. Reubens, the Hon. J. C. Dancy, J. H. Stewart, Rev. G. W. Lee, George H. White, L. G. Gregory, and other prominent politicians.

B. & O. MAY SPEND \$1,400,000 FOR RAILS
BALTIMORE, Sept. 7.—It is expected that within sixty days the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will award contracts for steel rails for next year's delivery.

Rails ordered for delivery during the present year amounted to 50,000 tons. This included supplies for some new construction.

Ordinary requirements of the company are about 25,000 to 40,000 tons a year. There is still some unfinished construction work, and this will no doubt be included in the contract to be let.

Consequently, the order may be as big as last year. This would mean an outlay of about \$1,400,000.

DIED.
THOMAS—On Sunday evening, September 4, 1904, JOHN W. THOMAS, aged fifty-eight years, formerly of Lancaster, Pa.

CROW—September 6, 1904, CHARLES L. CROW, aged forty-six years, formerly of the residence of his sister, 15 I Street northeast, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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